

Purdue University Graduate Credit
EDCI 590: Topics in Environmental Education

Independent study credit (3 credits) is available in Environmental Education from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Purdue University. The course, "Topics in Environmental Education," (EDCI 590) allows students to plan and conduct an environmental education project. The project must involve the development, implementation, and evaluation of an environmental education program based on **Project Learning Tree (PLT)**, **Project Wild /Aquatic (PW)**, and/or **Project WET (Water Education for Teachers)**. Workshops offered by Indiana Project WET facilitators. Some sample topics for study:

- Use PLT, PW/Aquatic, or WET to design, implement, and evaluate an environmental education program for your classroom/school.
- Develop, implement, and evaluate an environmental education program that supplements PLT, PW/Aquatic, or WET that is based on an Indiana or local environmental issue.
- Design an outdoor lab for your school to be used in conjunction with PLT, PW/Aquatic, and/or WET.
- Create a web site or multi-media product based on an environmental issue and PLT, PW/Aquatic, and/or WET.

****Materials developed for credit may be used by PU, PLT, WILD/Aquatic and or WET.**

If you are interested in pursuing an independent study project follow the procedures outlined below:

1. You must first request the application/registration materials from: Dan Shepardson, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, 1442 LAEB, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1442. If you have questions call (765) 494-5284. Requests must be received no later than one week from the date of the workshop.
2. Complete and submit a cover sheet with your name, address, and phone number, and a typed 2-page proposal that describes your project. Your proposal should contain the following: (a) an abstract that summarizes the project, (b) a rationale for the project, (c) an outline of proposed activity and estimated time commitment and time line, and (d) description of the final product to be submitted for evaluation. The proposal should clearly articulate what you intend to accomplish such that it may be reviewed and approved. Proposal revisions may be necessary. As you prepare your independent study proposal you need to consider that 3 credit hours requires 120 hours of study.
3. Project deadlines: for fall semester all projects must be submitted by November 30; for spring semester all projects must be submitted by April 30; for summer semester all projects must be submitted by August 1.
4. Complete and submit the "Student Course Request" form. Register for 3 credit hours of EDCI 590, Topics in Environmental Education. If you have not been previously admitted to Purdue University as a graduate student you must apply for admission (complete and submit the Graduate School Application) and enclose a check for \$38 to cover the application/technology fee. Credit costs currently run at \$120/credit. You will be directly billed by Continuing Education for the course registration fee. These fees are subject to change without notice.
5. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope to receive acknowledgement of your application/registration and confirmation/approval of your independent study proposal.
6. Mail all paperwork to Dan Shepardson, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, 1442 LAEB, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1442.

(Additional questions on WET 317-562-0788; PLT 317-549-0354; WILD 317-549-0348)